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ON the 28th day of May, most of the ministers, candidates and deputies assembled in the church, near Lincolnton. The rev. Mr. Storck opened divine service, and preached in the German, and then the rev. Mr. Bell in the English language: and afterwards the Lord's Supper was administered.—The synod was appointed to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock.

On said day, the 29th of May, a great concourse of people had assembled before the church, in which the rev. Paul and Philip Henkel, candidate J. E. Bell, and the ex-catechet David Henkel, were.—As it was known that the three last named had, by their conduct, separated from us, and thereby had declared every thing invalid which we had transacted at the synod in 1819, and in order to avoid public disputation, the question was sent to the rev. Philip, both verbally and in writing, whether he would re-unite with, and be governed by, the majority of votes. He did not answer, but all wanted to answer jointly, which could not be accepted, as the question was put to the rev. Philip alone. It was evident before the church door that an union was impossible, for a plan for an union of all our churches in North-America, which they feared would be adopted by the majority, and which was opposed by them, as being in their opinion against the

Augsburg confession, was one point; and the asserted invalidity of our last synod, and the consequent unauthorised ordination performed by the rev. Philip, the other: besides other imputations on which they insisted. After some parley, we all went into church: the rev. Mr. Storck, as president, opened with a fervent prayer to the God of love, for peace and union among those who are called after Christ, and particularly among those who want to be his servants. And after he had declared that during near 30 years, in which he officiated as minister of the gospel, he never felt such affliction as now, he related, in German, and after him, G. Shober, in the English language, to the numerous assembly, the present situation of the church, because the majority of those present could not have received a true conception of the case as it stands.

Among other things, it was by both declared, that we had no ratified constitution, on which so much stress was laid as having acted against the same, but that the rules of our church were called constitution by the secretary, in the book called Luther;* but that it made no difference whether called constitution or rules, for the ministers and congregations were bound to act according to the rules: that we had last year broken the rules in this, that the synod had assembled prior to Trinity Sunday: but that, as in extraordinary cases, deviations from rules or constitution is often necessary and profitable, the reason of this deviation was now related, viz: that the Pennsylvania synod had expressed a desire, to have our whole church in North-America united, and that if we thought with them, we were requested to send a deputy to their next synod, in order to contemplate a plan for a general union, but as their synod was also to be held on Trinity Sunday, we could not possibly have sent one; of course the neighboring ministers were by letters requested to give their opinion respecting an earlier meeting of

* But on examination of the papers this assertion was afterwards found to be incorrect; as a constitution had really always existed, and this was as openly and publicly acknowledged, and of course the above assertion repealed, and it was also written to the reverend Philip Henkel; but upon the whole, it was only a play on words, for the rules were openly declared to be obligatory on the members of the church as a constitution,

our synod, and five of them acknowledged the necessity, (as to them a general union appeared very desirable.) On their opinion, then, the president directed the secretary to acquaint all our ministers that we would meet in synod the second Sunday after Easter; and as far as is known to him, this was done, with the reason for the earlier meeting; and all these letters have arrived except to Philip Henkel, as he says, or the reason of the meeting was to him forgotten to be mentioned, but yet he had notice from the secretary.

On the day which was thus appointed, synod and all the members met, except the reverend Philip and the candidates from Tennessee. Philip protested, in writing, against our meeting, with vehemence, and gave information, that he would come and hold synod on Trinity. But this made no disturbance, for, after the synod was formed, and the cause of our meeting was explained, they, the members, unanimously approved of the meeting, accepted the offer from Pennsylvania, and appointed a deputy to meet them on Trinity Sunday, where a sketch of a plan for a general union was formed and published. During this synod, more than one day was spent in examining charges exhibited against David Henkel, partly verbally, by one or two, and other honorable citizens in writing, about his public conduct, and the conclusion against him to which he submitted (as seen in our last year's minutes) was very tender, and he received printed licence as a catechet for one year, with the verbal resolution to him given, that if in six months, he proves to our president that peace reigns in his congregations, and that he lives in love with the neighbouring ministers, he should give him license as a candidate. Instead now, of acting accordingly, he sent a messenger to his brother Philip and insisted for him to come, but before he departed from Tennessee he received information in a letter from the secretary in what manner the candidates in Tennessee could have their annual license renewed, and how the school in Tennessee would be supported; and when he had arrived to hold synod, he received information that the licenses should be renewed, and an assignment for money towards said school would be given, as soon as an acceptable constitution for the

same should be laid before the rev. Mr. Storck, Miller, and Paul Henkel, or a majority of them.—See 29.

When he there arrived, with others, at the church on Trinity Sunday, the preachers were permitted to preach but not hold synod, as the synod had previously finished all necessary business. Yet, notwithstanding this, and that our congregations in Tennessee would not suffer according to the above resolution and information given, he among the rest, ordained his brother David under a tree, although he was but a catechet as above.

It was further related to the audience, how David had made use of an error of the printer's, in the book called Luther, artfully to mislead the congregations (which made use of him) into a mistrust of the senior ministers, as if they designedly neglected to advance young men in the ministry, and that, after he had done the same, and the error in the book was made evident, he, and his father, being publicly required to do so, refused to explain it to the people, and afterwards, as well as before, industriously continued to throw dust in the eyes of the people. After every thing material had been thus related to the audience, and after open declaration that we were inclined to forgive all, as errors had been committed on both sides, the opponents answered, but would not refute what was above above charged, and on the question "whether we would unite?" they accused us of not teaching water baptism to be regeneration, and that we did not accept the elements in the eucharist as the true body and blood of the Lord, corporeally; and therefore, and because the plan for a general union of our church (which they feared we would adopt) was against the Augsburg confession, and also, because they were published in the gazette (which although not done by any of us yet they supposed we believed what it contained) they could not unite with us, and the rev. Paul concluded—I cannot unite with such a body.

At last, in order to finish such unedifying debates before the multitude and particularly the impertinancies of David, it was published that synod would meet in the afternoon, which was done, and as the rev. Paul and Philip did not unite, the rev. Mr. *Storck*, was elected president,

and *G. Shober*, secretary. The meeting was then adjourned to the next day.

TUESDAY, MAY 30.

Synod assembled again in church.

President began the transactions with an appropriate hymn and prayer.

MINISTERS PRESENT, were

Charles Storck, *President*, G. Shober, *Secretary*, Rob. Johnston Miller, Daniel Moser, Michael Rach, Jacob Sherer, Godfrey Dreher, Jo. Edw'ds Bell.

CANDIDATES.

Peter Shmucker, Martin Walter, Jacob Miller.

CATECHETS.

Jacob Grieson, Philip Roth, Daniel Walcher.

DEPUTIES.

Peter Beringer,	rev. Mr. Storck's congregation.
John Null, Lewis Wolff, Henry Holder,	Stokes county.
John Ferrel,	Guilford.
Herman All, Jacob Swigart,	from South-Carolina.
Jacob Lutz, Conrad Weber,	Daniel Moser's congregation.
George Rich, Conrad Michel,	reverend Bell's do.
William Gregg,	Tennessee.
Samuel Walk, Peter Sheeler,	Rowan, J. Miller's congregation.
John Derner, John Richard,	do. Daniel Walker's do.
John Hartman,	do. Pine church, do.

Besides the above, Henry Rudisill and John Aberna-

thy were elected from White-Haven congregation, (their church is now occupied by David Henkel,) who claimed seat and vote.

1. As the former rule, that all the deputies together should have no more votes than ministers present, had for some years past remained unattended to, in friendship, so that each deputy had a vote, it was now resolved that the old rule should be retained.

2. Whereas it was resolved, on Monday, on the application for the ordination of the rev. Peter Shmucker, who had been a candidate for many years, that he be ordained, if on examination he be found deserving; and the rev. Messrs. Sherer and Shober, who were appointed as examinators, now reporting, that they examined him sufficiently and found him deserving of an ordination, it was resolved that he be ordained by the pastors Shober, Storck and Miller.

3. All the candidates and catechets surrendered their expired licenses, except David Henkel, who had already openly declared, on yesterday, that he would not surrender his.—[N. B. It was a catechet license for one year.]

The following petitions were now handed in and read:

i. From Bedford county, Tennessee, in which a relation was also contained, of the ministerial transactions of Michel Wachter, from Fredericktown, Maryland; who, at the last year's synod in Baltimore was requested by Mr. Shober to pay them a visit. He had regulated two congregations, baptised 5 adults, and 35 children, confirmed some, and administered the sacrament. They pray for a settled minister, and have no doubt but that they could support one; but at least they pray for a visit.

ii. From Pendleton county, Virginia, whereby the absence of candidate Daniel Sherer, and a deputy from thence, was explained. They were excused.

iii. From Sandy Hill Church, wherein they request, that candidate Jacob Miller, might be left to them as their minister.—No objection was made thereto.

iv. From congregations on Abbots creek, by which the subscribers expressed their satisfaction with the official conduct of Daniel Walker and prayed that his au-

thority to administer the sacrament might be resolved upon.

The ministers Storck, Shober and Sherer were appointed as a committee of examinators to report their opinion on this petition, as also, on the application of Jacob Moses, from South-Carolina; Martin Kiebler, from Virginia, John Reichard, and Richard Grimes, from Rowan county, to be licensed as preachers.

v. From Guilford, requesting Jacob Grieson to be continued as catechet. This was granted and also that Jacob Roth have his license as catechet renewed.

vi. From four congregations out of Virginia wherein it was asserted that Martin Kiebler with an unblameable conduct, had for some time assisted the rev. Mr. Shmucker with applause and fidelity in preaching, and they pray that he may be received by our synod.—See iv.

vii. From two congregations in South-Carolina, Lexington and Newberry district, wherein they request to have Jacob Moser appointed as their minister, as they had been for a few years past, without a settled minister among them.—See iv.

viii. From Pine Church congregation, wherein they petition for a minister.

ix. Containing excuses why candidate Yost Mitze could not be present. On account of his certified sickliness he was excused.

At 12 o'clock the rev. Godfrey Decker preached from Gal. I. 3. Grace be with you, and peace from God, &c.

After which the rev. Peter Shmucker was ordained to the ministry in the German language. The large congregation were attentive hearers during the charge and ceremony.

When we had assembled again, Mr. Jos. Edward Bell, who had been a candidate among us, but who was also ordained by the rev. Philip Henkel, applied for a re-union with us. He had already reported how he was, against his conviction, induced not to appear at our last synod, on the second Sunday after Easter, and among other things had been informed that we contemplated a separation. He now covenanted, that, according to the use and custom of all christian churches in America, he would conform to our established rules, and to such which should hereafter be established in synod, by a ma-

jority of votes. On the question of the president, in what manner we regarded his ordination by Philip Henkel, it was admitted that he was ordained, but that his ordination was invalid according to the rules of all regular christian churches. But as he now declared himself bounden to fulfil the promises he made when ordained, towards the Lutheran church; his ordination was unanimously made legal, valid and ratified: and determined that he should receive an attestation thereof, and that he again belonged to us.

4. On the proposition of the president, seconded by R. J. Miller, to establish invariable rules about the ordination of ministers, it was unanimously resolved, that hereafter no ordination for the ministry in our church, shall be performed, nor declared to be valid, except it is done by at least two ordained ministers of our church, and by such who were thereto appointed by the synod.

5. On motion, it was enacted and published, that the rev. deacon Daniel Moser, be a pastor of our church.

6. The rev. J. E. Bell and Jacob Swigart were appointed to examine the treasurer's account, and make a report.

This day was closed with a hymn and prayer.

WEDNESDAY MAY 31.

The rev. R. J. Miller opened the meeting as usual.

And the rev. Mr. Storck being unable to attend as president, the rev. R. J. Miller was elected president pro tem.

7. A motion being seconded, that the 3d article of our constitution be explained, it was adopted by the requisite majority, that the certificates of the deputies claiming a vote should be signed by the elders of the congregation or one of them, and if none of them are present at the appointment, then by two or three members of the congregation.

8. It being moved that the article of our rules respecting the confession of penitents, might be so altered as not to be left to the minister alone, whether the confession is to be made before the congregation or church counsel; it was determined that the question is to be left to the minister and church counsel, whether the confes-

sion is to be before the congregation or before them alone.

9. A request being made that the papers which at our last synod, were exhibited against and for David Henkel, be given up by the secretary to the claimants; it was not approved; but admitted, that whosoever wishes to know the contents, may receive a copy.

10. The committee which was appointed to settle and report the treasurer's account asked for, and obtained indulgence to report on the last day of the session, in order to include therein, what might be received before we depart.

11. The rev. J. E. Bell related the embarrassments of the congregations he had left in Tennessee, and who pray that he might visit, and administer the sacraments to them—on which he was unanimously appointed for that purpose, and requested to report to our next synod, how those congregations are inclined with respect to their union with our synod.

12. A motion being made and seconded, again to ratify and approve what our synod did in April, 1819, it was resolved by more than two thirds, that the transactions of said synod be again ratified, as also the constitution in the book called Luther, (the alterations made since the date of said book excepted.)

13. As a meeting of delegates from many western counties of this state is expected in Lincolnton, for the purpose of forming a petition to our next legislature, to establish and incorporate an academy in one of the western counties; application was made to us, as a body to appear at that meeting by deputy or deputies. But on reflection we could not determine to appear and be present and act as a body, but every minister is at liberty to be present, as an academy for the western parts of the state appears to be very necessary.

14. The president *pro. tem.* in the name of this synod requested the present deputies of such congregations who had belonged to our union, and who now keep David Henkel as their preacher, whether their congregations will hold themselves obligated to live according to the rules of this synod—on which question John Abernathy and Jacob Aderhold, deputies from White-Haven congregation, declared, that they would not answer in the name of the congregation, and only for themselves, not

as deputies. They declared, that they hold themselves bound to the rules of this synod according to the constitution.

15. Hereupon they proposed that the ordination of David Henkel may be validated and ratified, as the Rev. Mr. Bell's ordination had stood in the same degree. But, as the standing of David with us as catechist was, at that time, infinitely different; and he having since that time shewn no symptom of desiring to live in peace with us, and only last Monday had acted as dictator what doctrine we should preach, and otherwise had behaved with conspicuous incivility, the above proposition was rejected; of course he is no Minister of the Lutheran Church for North Carolina and adjacent states.

16. And it was further unanimously resolved, that this synod is not answerable for the actions and doctrines of David Henkel, as well on the pulpit as otherwise, as he had seperated himself from us. The secretary will publish the names of all teachers belonging to our ministry in the newspapers.

17. A proposition made and seconded, that a committee be appointed, to form a treatise for publication of the actual seperation of some of the ministers formerly belonging to us, was not appointed, and resolved that we will be silent until we are necessitated to answer in case any thing should be printed against us. But no individual can be prevented to answer accusations in the same manner as they are propagated, only it must not appear in the name of the synod, before it is approved by at least three ministers.

18. The rev. Mr. Yost Mitze, from S. Carolina, complained in an address to this synod, that he is prevented from administering the lord's supper because he admits negroes thereto, and baptizes them; he prays for a resolution to be made which is to be read in all our churches. But as the rules respecting negroes' admission to our church as contained in the book called Luther from page 167 to 169 appear plain, they can be read in the churches where necessary.

19. An address from the rev. James Hill, a minister of the gospel among the Methodists, was read, as follows:

To the Reverend and venerable North-Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, synodically convened in Lincolnton. Grace, mercy and and peace from God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by the Holy Ghost, be unto you.

As a regular ordained minister of the gospel, although not of the same denomination, I take the liberty to address you, in friendship and with confidence, in hope of receiving that attention of which you in your wisdom may judge the case worthy.

Ever since I have lived in this county, which has been nearly or quite thirteen years, I have understood, that the greater number of the ministers of the gospel of your order in this county have taught that baptism by water effects *regeneration*, and that the body and blood of Christ are corporeally received along with the bread and wine in the *Lord's Supper*. These doctrines having been so generally and universally taught, and professedly believed, I had concluded in my mind that they were generally deemed orthodox in the Lutheran church, until last Monday, when I discovered (or thought I did) that some of your reverend body had not the above views of them.

As I have heretofore warmly opposed the above opinions respecting the ordinances, under the name and idea of their being Lutheran, and as I wish not to brand any man, or body of men, with what they do not deserve; but to think and speak correctly and charitably of all men: believing, moreover, that among you, there are the true servants of God, and ministers of the gospel of our common Lord, and for whom I have the tenderest christian affection, that I may know how to conduct in future, towards such a respectable branch of the church of Christ, please to let me know the opinions of your reverend and venerable body as a synod, on the above subjects; and in so doing, you will not only give me much satisfaction, but also perhaps prevent future controversy on the above points, and more closely unite a heart to you which desires to be united in christian affection to all who have found or are seeking redemption in the blood of Christ.

Reverend gentlemen, with due respect, I am yours, in the gospel of peace,

JAMES HILL.

May 31, 1820.

20. The pastors R. J. Miller and Peter Shmucker were appointed to prepare an answer to the above questions, and report to-morrow to the ministry.

21. The following donations were received:

Of Yost Mitze, S. C.	$3 00
Mr. Hoyle, for books sold,	2 25
From Botetourt and Montgomery, Va.	5 00
Of G. Dreher, from congregations in S. C.	16 25
From Stokes county or their deputies,	5 00
Of Mr. Rauch,	1 50
Of Mr. Walcher,	3 00
From Emanuel's church, Lincoln,	3 00
Of Mr. Keibler,	1 0
Of Mr. Rothe,	1 50
Of Rob. L. Miller, for books sold,	10 50
	$51 00

22. The committee which was appointed (see iv.) to examine all applicants for adoption in the ministry or for advancement, reported, that they propose Daniel Walcher as a candidate for the ministry, Jacob Moser and Martin Keibler as catechets and John Reichard as exhorters and readers, under the superintendence of the rev. Daniel Walcher and Jacob Miller—which report was adopted, and they received their license. The licenses of Jacob Grieson, Philip Roth and Michael Mackin were renewed as catechets, as also the licenses of the candidates Jacob Miller, Martin Walther and Yost Mitze.

23. The rev. Godfrey Dreher was appointed to pay a ministerial visit to the congregation on Duck river, Tennessee.—See pet. No. i.

24. The request of the members of our church on the Salt Ketcher, S. C. to receive spiritual assistance, at least a visit, could not be accomplished, but we hold ourselves bounden to do, in future, for them what we can.

25. On the petition No. viii, from Pine Church, the

rev. pastor Storck and candidate Daniel Walcher were appointed to visit that congregation every four weeks and preach to them; the rev. Daniel Mour is also willing to visit them. Resolved also, that the secretary have the names of all belonging to our ministry published.

This day ended as usual with singing and prayer.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1.

We assembled and began in the same manner.

26. The committee who were charged to examine the treasurer's account reported:—

That by the books and other vouchers it appears that synod owes to the treasurer $115 71 cents. But that the synod hath to demand from individuals for books to the amount of $868 25 cents: when those books are sold, and the money is received, there remains in the treasury after deducting the above debt of $115 71 cents, the sum of $752 54 cents, (but out of which the freight of the books from Baltimore to Tennessee and South-Carolina must be paid.)

The above report was adopted and ratified and Gotleib Shober was again elected treasurer.

27. On reading the 3rd article of our last year's transaction, the rev. G. Shober who had been elected as deputy to attend the synod at Baltimore, reported as follows:—

That he was received with brotherly love and friendship, and had obtained seat and voice among them; that after he had laid before them the purpose of his journey, which was to consult on the possible union of all the Lutheran synods by a general synod, as a proposition originally coming from them, they immediately appointed a committee, in unison with him, to deliberate upon, and form a plan for a general union and to report the same to their synod. The said committee after having with industry formed a plan as far as then possible, reported the same to the synod, where each paragraph was debated and adopted, and on the general question to adopt the sketch of a plan for a general union, it was by yeas and nays adopted by a large majority. This plan was then printed, and has ever since last summer circulated among us for investigation. But as our deputy could not effect the formation of a constitution according to his instruction, but

only a plan by which such a one could hereafter be created. This synod was now to deliberate whether the plan can be adopted. The plan was hereupon read paragraph by paragraph, debated and elucidated, and the expediency of a general union admitted also by such who had their scruples as to the present plan.

And on the question whether this synod does adopt the purposed plan, the yeas and nays were called and are as follows :—YEAS, the Ministers Storck, R. T. Miller, Jacob Sherer, G. Shober, Peter Shmucker, Daniel Walsher, Martin Walsher, Jacob Miller, Jacob Grieson, Philip Roth—Deputies, Peter Beringer, John Ferrel—the Deputies from Stokes, John Derner, Samuel Wall, 15.—NAYS, the Ministers, G. Dreher, Michel Rauch, Jos. G. Vaell, Daniel Moser—Deputies, Jacob Swigart, George Rich, 6.—Of course the plan was adopted.

28. Hereupon an extract of a letter from the rev. George Schmucker, President of the Pennsylvania Synod, was read; by which it appeared that the synod of Ohio state had adopted the said plan with joy: and that of course a general synod will come into existence: and, it being probable that during this year it will be called, it was deemed advisable now to elect deputies to attend the same—and, we having, according to the adopted plan, a right to send two ministers and one lay deputy, the rev. Rob't Johnston Miller was elected with 14 votes, and the rev. Peter Shmucker with 11—the rev. Mr. Storck had 3, and G. Shober 6 votes. As lay deputy, Mr. John B. Harry was by 12 votes elected. Mr. Swigart had 5, and Geo. Moury 2 votes. It was further unanimously agreed, on the proposition of the rev. R. J. Miller, that if either of those that are elected, cannot attend the general synod, he should inform the secretary thereof as soon as possible, and that in such case, he who next had the majority of voices, should then hereby be elected in his stead to attend said synod; and the secretary will inform him thereof; and to all such who go to attend the secretary will give a certificate of their appointment.

29. As the Tennessee academy, to which we were in some measure attached, according to the 14th section of last year's transactions, had separated, no conclusion respecting the same was found necessary, excepting what

follows. The rev. R. J. Miller reported, that, according to the said fourteenth section, a constitution for said school had been presented to him, of which he believed, that, with a few alterations, the synod would adopt the same: that the rev. Mr. Bell, then principal teacher of said academy, requested $ 37 75, for a library he had procured for the institution, and no more: that as he (Mr. Miller) was not authorised alone to draw for money in his favor, but only in union with the rev. Paul Henkel, he subscribed a blank order on the rev. Philip Henkel, in favor of Mr. Bell, expecting that Mr. Paul Henkel, after perusing and approving the proposed constitution, would fill up the blank order with the sum wanted by Mr. Bell. The order was now produced by Mr. Bell, and with astonishment it was found that said order was filled up with $ 246 75, and signed by Paul Henkel, and with Mr. Miller's signature, which order was accepted by the rev. Philip Henkel, who had paid as per receipt, the said $ 36 75, to Mr. Bell, which he originally wanted. It appeared, then, that Philip Henkel owed yet on the accepted order $ 210, which, together with $ 165, makes the sum of $ 338 25 cents, which is to arise from the sale of 500 Luthers, he (Mr. Henkel) had as good as bought, (from which, however, must be deducted the freight from Baltimore to Tennessee.) To recover said amount, our friend John B. Harry was unanimously appointed our agent, with further power to recover from David Henkel $ 156 50, which he yet owes for books, and likewise to receive the library procured by Mr. Bell for the amount of $ 36 75; and, in part pay, to receive such good books called Luther, as are yet unsold, and for the balance to take bond and security, payable in six months, without interest. As our friend Harry accepted the above agency, he received a power of attorney in conformity with the above, and likewise the accepted order which Mr. Bell endorsed to him, as agent, without recourse. The rev. Mr. Bell was hereupon released from all demands of this synod.

30. In conformity with the 17th section of last year's transactions, the rev. Mr. Sherer reported that the congregations in South-Carolina, which he had visited twice, had concluded to be directed by our rules, and that the rev. Mr. Franklow acted as minister.

31. Whereas the congregations in Lexington and Newberry district, which formerly were under the ministration of Mr. Waller, had during this synod requested and obtained catechet Jacob Moser as their minister, (see vii. petition,) the rev. Jacob Sherer was requested and he promised to visit the said congregations, and administer the Lord's Supper to them.

32. The secretary was requested to intreat the rev. Mr. Markert of Ohio state, to visit the members of our church in the state of Illinois. This has reference to sect. 16 of last year's transactions.

33. The charge No. 34 of last year was obeyed by 4 ministers, who presented their written ideas on the doctrine of justification, viz. J. Dreher, Yost Mitze, M. Rauch and G. Shober; all which were read during the evening in the presence of many.

As now the transactions were finished, the deputies were dismissed with the Lord's blessing.

34. In the afternoon, the ministry met alone, and the rev. R. J. Miller and Peter Shmucker reported an answer to the questions proposed by the rev. Mr. Hill: and the following answer was adopted, and the secretary requested to enclose the same to him from our minutes, prefacing the same with a polite and brotherly address in our name:

TO THE REVEREND JAMES HILL.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,

In answer to your question, "whether water baptism effects regeneration," we say, that we do not fully know what you mean by the word "effect," as it may have many definitions. But we say, that baptism is beneficial, and ought to be attended to as a command of God: but we do not believe that all who are baptised with water are regenerated and born again unto God, so as to be saved, without the operation of the Holy Ghost; or, in other words, without faith in Christ.—And, as to the second question, we do not believe, nor teach, that the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is corporeally received along with the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper; but that the true believer does spiritually receive and partake of the same through faith in Jesus Christ, and all the saving benefits of his death and passion.

35. The Rev. Jo. E. Bell was commissioned on his journey to Tennessee, in a friendly manner to assure the rev. Philip Henkel, that we, on our part, are disposed to forget every thing that has occurred, and to entreat him to re-unite with us again; and that, if he submits to the majority, according to our constitution, he will be received with joy as a brother. And it was further resolved, that all ministers should be emphatically charged to recommend with warmth to their congregations to establish prayer meetings on the first Saturday of every month.

The next meeting of the synod will be on Trinity Sunday, in Guilford county, Law's church.

36. And, after a cordial conversation on sundry things which had occurred during the session; and after an affecting prayer of the president, to be preserved in the spirit of love, peace and union, to bless our transactions, to forgive errors, to guide and preserve us in our journies home, and the blessing of the Lord, we departed in peace.

37. **REPORTS BY MINISTERS.**

	Children baptised.	*Adults.*	*Confirmed.*	*Buried.*
C. A. Storck,				
R. J. Miller,	110 23 black.	14 2 black.	31	11
G. Shober,	19	1	21 catechised by D. Walcher.	
Jacob Sherer,	97		34	6
G. Dreher,	41 14 black.		16	6
Michael Rauch,	39	7	3	8
Daniel Moser,	92	1		5
Jos. E. Bell,	151	36 1 black.	156	2
Peter Shmucker	237	20	113	15
Jacob Miller,	50	1	21	2
Martin Walther,	36	2	20	3
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Errors excepted.

G. SHOBER,
Secretary to the Synod.

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